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Power management techniques for a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) of a wireless communication device (WCD) are described that make use of a unique identifier for the SIM. In particular, a processor within the WCD reads a first unique identifier from the SIM when power is initially supplied to the WCD, and stores the first unique identifier within a computer-readable medium within the WCD. During a power management cycle, where power is terminated and then re-supplied to the SIM, the processor again receives a unique identifier from the SIM and compares the second unique identifier with the stored unique identifier. These techniques are useful in detecting whether the attached SIM has been exchanged for a different SIM while powered down during a power management cycle. ~~This is advantageous in verifying the integrity of the SIM for other software or hardware modules within the WCD that need to access or otherwise utilize the SIM.~~